



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP / AFTER FINAL
Hendrik Theodoru Van Der Meer et al.)	
Application No.: 10/788,443)	Group Art Unit: 2625
Filing Date: March 1, 2004)	Examiner: Thierry L. Pham
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)	Confirmation No.: 9988
GENERATING AND FINISHING)	
DOCUMENTS)	

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.
- ☐ _____ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$ 65 ☐ \$ 130 fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are enclosed.
- ☒ Also enclosed is/are: NOTICE OF APPEAL
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$ 395 ☐ \$ 790 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted _____ on _____ for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	31	31	0	x \$ 50 (1202)	\$ 0
Independent Claims	3	3	0	x \$ 200 (1201)	0
<input type="checkbox"/> If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$ 360 (1203)					\$ 0
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 0

- ☐ Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge _____ to credit card for the fee due. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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In response to the Final Rejection dated December 28, 2006, reconsideration of the subject patent application is requested.

Claims 1, 22 and 31 each require instructions for:

- I) converting a first data file in a first format into a second data file in a second format, and
- II) processing of the second data file in the second format into a processed second data file, wherein driving instructions for driving the generation of a document and the finishing of the document.

In the Official action it is asserted that Krist discloses converting a first data file in a first format into a second data file in a second format, comprising image defining instructions and other instructions for finishing the at least one document. Apparently the position is being taken that the conversion of an input document into page description language (PDL) constitutes a conversion from a first format into a second format. Even assuming that to be the case, it is not seen how it would have

been obvious, in view of Hadewe, to process the data file in the second data file into the processed data file in the second format.

In that regard, it is submitted that both Krist and Hadewe disclose essentially the same thing, namely, the generation of a document file and a subsequent processing of the document file into instructions for the printer and the finisher, i.e., that Hadewe's teachings do not supplement those of Krist. Note, for instance, the cited passage in column 3, lines 16-33 of Hadewe which discloses the addition of non-print code to a document by means of a text unit. This text unit is the text unit by means of which the digital document is generated (Hadewe, column 2, lines 20-22). Moreover, according to column 8, line 34 to column 9, line 20, if a document is to be printed and finished, the digital document to which the non-print codes have been added is further processed for driving the work stations.

Thus, Hadewe teaches that the inclusion of non-print code constitutes part of the document generation process and that (similarly to what Krist teaches) the document including non-print code generated in the text unit is further processed into driving instructions before it is sent. Consequently, if Hadewe were to be combined with Krist, the skilled artisan would not add non print code to the method disclosed by Krist after the conversion into the PDL description, but rather before this conversion. To reiterate, both Krist and Hadewe teach the generation of a document file and subsequently the processing of the document file into instructions for the printer and the finisher. Accordingly, a combination of Krist with the teaching of Hadewe would not lead the skilled artisan to add a step to Krist wherein, following the conversion of the document into a PDL description language, it would be further processed into driving instructions for the printer and the finisher.

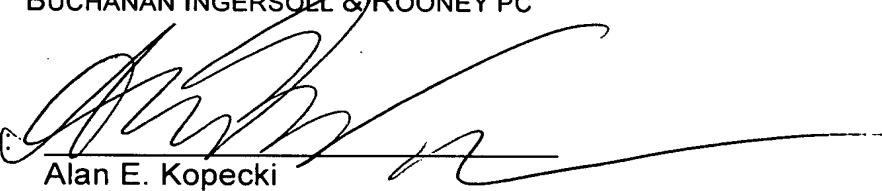
Accordingly, it is requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn, and
the application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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